

Turkey Permit Drawing System

- ◆ Turkey permits are distributed by drawing using a preference system that determines which applications go into the drawing first, second, etc. First preference is resident land-owners, second preference is residents who applied for, but did not receive, a spring permit the previous year, third preference is all other residents. Nonresident landowners followed by other nonresident applicants are fourth and fifth preference, respectively. The number of permits for each zone are divided equally amongst each of the six spring time periods. Success in the drawing depends on the number of permits vs. the number of applicants for each time period. Those who restrict their choices to only the early time periods may not draw a permit, while those who apply for any time period may receive two. If permits remain after the first drawing, a second drawing is conducted to issue remaining tags.
- ◆ **Fort McCoy:** Applications for Fort McCoy spring turkey hunting permits may be obtained by calling 608-388-3337 or by writing to Fort McCoy, no earlier than February 1. Write to: Directorate of Training & Mobilization: AFRC-FM-TMR-B (Permit Sales), 110 E. Headquarters Rd., Ft. McCoy WI 54656-5226. *Note: You may not apply for a Fort McCoy spring turkey permit if you already received approval to hunt turkeys in a Wisconsin turkey hunting zone for the spring 2005 season.*

License Requirements

- ◆ **Successful applicants will not receive their permits via mail.** Successful permit applicants will be mailed a postcard notifying them that they were successful in drawing a permit. The notification will indicate the zone and time period for which their permit is valid. **Successful applicants must obtain their permit(s) from a license agent.**
- ◆ Except for Conservation Patron and Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders, all applicants successful in drawing a permit must purchase a 2005 Spring Turkey License and 2005 Turkey Stamp* to hunt turkeys with firearm or bow: Resident License—\$13.00, Non-resident License—\$60.00, Turkey Stamp—\$5.25. Patron License holders who have been successful in the drawing will be issued a permit at the time they purchase their Patron License. Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders who are successful in the drawing must go to any license sales location and receive their permit(s) at no charge. These customers must present their Senior Citizen Recreation Card to the license sales agent.
- ◆ Spring Turkey license and stamp* will be available for purchase beginning mid-March at DNR Service Centers, license agents, by calling toll-free 1-877-945-4236 or by going on-line at **dnr.wi.gov** (VISA, MasterCard; there is a \$3 handling fee for purchases by phone or Internet)

* Because the system prints your turkey stamp “privilege” on your license, the actual stamp is no longer required. The actual stamp is available at DNR Service Centers for collection purposes.

Turkey Stamp and Carcass Tag

- ◆ Hunters must have their turkey license/stamp/ permit/carcass tag with them while hunting and display it to a warden upon request.
- ◆ Registration stubs will be available at the registration station and will not be part of the license.
- ◆ It is illegal to transfer a license, permit/carcass tag, or stamp privilege to another, or allow their use by anyone else.

Baiting

- ◆ No person shall hunt by the aid of baiting or over an area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. An area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the complete removal of the bait.
- ◆ Bait and baiting means placement or use of any material attractive to wild animals but does not include vegetation or agricultural crops that are present solely as a result of nature or normal agricultural practices.

Special Turkey Hunts for Disabled Hunters

- ◆ Hunters applying for a class A or C permit are required to obtain permission from a landowner willing to sponsor a hunt and must meet all application requirements. For information or special hunt application (forms 2300-271 and 2300-271A) please contact your local DNR Service Center or the assistant upland ecologist at 608-266-8204, 101 S. Webster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison WI 53707-7921.

Additional State Park Hunts

- ◆ Again in 2005, extra Spring turkey hunting opportunities will be offered to a select number of turkey hunters in zones 34 and 37. Hunters who receive a permit/carcass tag valid for one of the first **three** time periods in zones 34 or 37 will have the opportunity to enter a secondary drawing to Spring turkey hunt in three state park properties: Newport, Interstate and Willow River State Parks (see map). Information on this secondary drawing will be mailed to eligible turkey hunters. In addition to turkey license, stamp and permit/carcass tag, a free map/permit will be issued to those who are successfully drawn. This state park permit is **not** an additional permit, but will simply allow the hunter the opportunity to hunt at one of these state park properties. For more information please contact the park office or the Bureau of Wildlife Management at 608-266-8204.

Bag Limit

- ◆ The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey per tag issued. A bearded turkey is a turkey with a bristle-like appendage protruding from the upper part of the breast. **Note:** Bearded or male turkeys with white plumage may be harvested and must be tagged in accordance with proper tagging procedures. **Note:** Applicants receiving 2 tags may harvest 2 turkeys on the same day *only if* both tags are for the same time period.

Other Restrictions

- ◆ You may not hunt turkeys:
 1. By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder, a bow and arrow or crossbow.*
 2. With or while in possession of shotshells or shot **larger** than:
 - no. 2 steel
 - no. 4 lead or
 - other no. 4 non-steel shot
 3. With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
 4. With the aid of dogs.
 5. With live decoys for the purposes of enticing turkeys.
 6. With the aid of bait.

*Crossbows are only allowed for resident hunters 65 years of age or older and disabled hunters with a Class A, B or crossbow permit. The crossbow shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use at least 14-inch long bolts or arrows equipped with broadheads.

Assisting Other Hunters

- ◆ You **must** possess a turkey hunting license, stamp and valid, **unused** carcass tag if you possess a firearm, bow or crossbow *and*:
 - a) a turkey decoy or calling device, or
 - b) a member of your hunting party possesses a turkey decoy or calling device
- ◆ No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter if the caller does not possess a firearm, bow or crossbow. However, a guide license is required if a fee is charged.

Tagging, Transport and Possession

- ◆ Upon killing a turkey, immediately validate the carcass tag by cutting a slit corresponding to the day of kill; then attach the tag to the featherless part of the turkey’s leg with a string or other tie.
- ◆ You may not carry by hand, possess or transport a turkey unless you have lawfully killed and tagged the turkey.

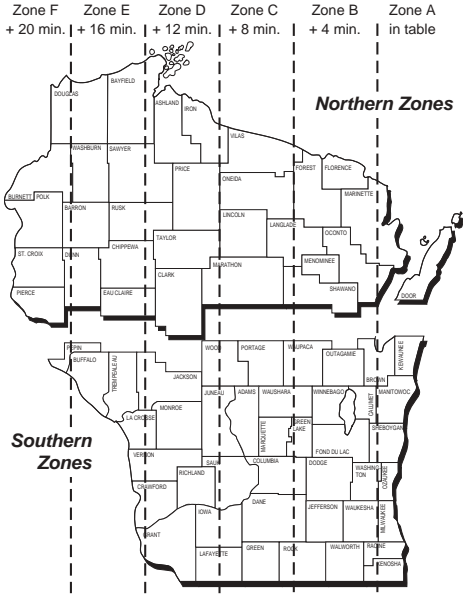
Registration

- ◆ Bring your tagged turkey (registration stubs will be available at the registration station) to a designated registration station no later than 5:00 p.m. the day after it is killed. A metal registration tag will be attached to lawfully taken turkeys; keep this tag until the meat has been eaten. For a list of registration stations call your local DNR Service Center or look on the DNR website (dnr.wi.gov).

Hunting Hours

- ◆ Spring turkey hunting hours begin 1/2 hour before sunrise and are listed in the table below. Closing hours are 5:00 p.m. each day. Wisconsin’s hunting time zones are shown below.
- ◆ To determine the opening (A.M.) time for all zones except “A,” add the minutes shown (see map) to the Zone-A time listed in the table. The closing time for all zones is 5:00 p.m.

Hunting Hours Zones



Opening Times Listed by Period
(Times listed are for Zone A)

Northern Hunting Time Zones								
A	April 13	5:38	C	April 27	5:14	E	May 11	4:54
	April 14	5:36		April 28	5:12		May 12	4:52
	April 15	5:34		April 29	5:11		May 13	4:51
	April 16	5:32		April 30	5:09		May 14	4:50
	April 17	5:31		May 01	5:08		May 15	4:49
B	April 20	5:25	D	May 04	5:03	F	May 18	4:45
	April 21	5:24		May 05	5:02		May 19	4:44
	April 22	5:22		May 06	5:00		May 20	4:43
	April 23	5:20		May 07	4:59		May 21	4:42
	April 24	5:19		May 08	4:58		May 22	4:41
Southern Hunting Time Zones								
A	April 13	5:41	C	April 27	5:19	E	May 11	5:00
	April 14	5:39		April 28	5:17		May 12	4:59
	April 15	5:38		April 29	5:16		May 13	4:58
	April 16	5:36		April 30	5:14		May 14	4:57
	April 17	5:34		May 01	5:13		May 15	4:55
B	April 20	5:30	D	May 04	5:09	F	May 18	4:52
	April 21	5:28		May 05	5:07		May 19	4:51
	April 22	5:26		May 06	5:06		May 20	4:50
	April 23	5:25		May 07	5:05		May 21	4:50
	April 24	5:23		May 08	5:04		May 22	4:49

Spring Wild Turkey Management Zones

Closed to Hunting

State Park Hunting Zones

- 4A Governor Dodge
- 5A Devils Lake
- 10A Wyalusing
- 13A Wildcat Mountain
- 15A Mirror Lake
- 15C Buckhorn (includes wildlife area)*

Disabled Only Hunting Zones

- 5B Natural Bridge
- 10B Nelson Dewey
- 11A Belmont Mound
- 12A New Glarus Woods
- 15B Rocky Arbor
- 25A Loew Lake Unit - Kettle Moraine State Forest

*To apply for Buckhorn Wildlife Area B, choose Management Zone 15. For more information regarding hunting at Buckhorn State Park, call 608-565-2789.

★In spring 2006 three additional turkey management zones (44, 45, and 46) will be created in northern Wisconsin. The department may delay issuing permits in any of these zones based on population data. Information on permit availability will be available prior to the application deadline for 2006.

SUPPORT ETHICAL RESPONSIBLE HUNTING REPORT VIOLATIONS

CALL 1-800-847-9367
1-800-TIP-WDNR

TOLL FREE • STATEWIDE • 24-HOUR • CONFIDENTIAL
(THIS IS NOT AN INFORMATION NUMBER.)

Focus on Safety

- ◆ Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey—not a decoy or person.
- ◆ Do not wear red, blue or white—the color of a gobbler’s head.
- ◆ Consider wearing blaze orange when moving from place to place.
- ◆ When another hunter approaches never wave, stand or sound a turkey call; use your voice or whistle instead.
- ◆ Avoid stalking turkeys. Use decoys with caution.
- ◆ Select calling or ambush sites with your back to a tree at least as wide as your shoulders and where you can see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- ◆ Never assume you are the only hunter in the woods.
- ◆ Be certain no one is positioned beyond the turkey you are shooting at.

Turkey Hunter Education

- ◆ Learn turkey biology and behavior, turkey hunting methods, regulations, safety precautions, landowner-hunter ethics, scoring trophy birds, and ideas on how to prepare your bird. These **FREE Turkey Hunting Education Clinics** will be held around the state during February and March and are sponsored by the Wisconsin DNR and the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Plan on attending one in your area and either brush-up on your skills or learn new techniques to bag that elusive long-beard. Call 608-261-8458 or log onto dnr.wi.gov for a list of clinic dates, times and locations.

Questions?

Please contact the DNR Bureau of Wildlife Management at (608-266-8204 with any questions you have relating to turkey management, quotas, or harvest.

For updated season & license information call the WI DNR Hunting License & Season Information Line at 1-800-282-0367.

TV Show for Kids

Into the Outdoors is DNR’s Emmy Award winning TV show for kids. The half-hour program is hosted by kids who use the Internet to find other kids their age doing outdoor activities and learning about the environment. The show is linked to *EEK!*, DNR’s web site for kids, (dnr.wi.gov) and airs on weekend mornings. See local TV listings for times and stations.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunity in its employment, programs, services, and functions under an Affirmative Action Plan. If you have any questions, please write to Equal Opportunity Office, Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

This publication is available in alternative formats (large print, Braille, audio tape, etc) upon request. Please call 608-266-8204 for more information.

Spring 2005

WILD TURKEY

Hunting Regulations



2005 Turkey Stamp art by Terry Doughty

2005 Season Dates Listed by Period		
A April 13	C April 27	E May 11
April 14	April 28	May 12
April 15	April 29	May 13
April 16	April 30	May 14
April 17	May 01	May 15
B April 20	D May 04	F May 18
April 21	May 05	May 19
April 22	May 06	May 20
April 23	May 07	May 21
April 24	May 08	May 22



Visit the DNR website at dnr.wi.gov

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707

PUB-WM-006 2005